GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SALARY OF VEDIC TEACHERS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Vedic teachers, who are the Adhyapaks' to Vedic students, are not being paid enough salary to attract them to teaching profession; and

(b) if so, the efforts being made by the Government to popularize 'Vedas' and their teaching including the enhancement of salaries of Vedic teachers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) The Maharishi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Prathisthan, Ujjain, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, has a scheme for vedic teachers under which, at present, a whole time veda teacher is paid honorarium @ Rs.5500/- p.m. if he is a samhitapathi and Rs.6500/- p.m. if he possesses higher traditional qualification in Veda like Ghanat Path. The above rates had been fixed during 1998-99 and were given effect from 1.4.1998. The honorarium to the Veda teachers was fixed during 1998 on the basis of the minimum of the scale of pay of a Trained Graduate Teacher (TGT) or of a PostGraduate Teacher (PGT) and was considered adequate to attract them to the teaching profession.(b) While fixing the honorarium during 1998-99, it had also been decided that the consolidated honorarium payable to the Veda teacher may be revised from time to time after taking into account various relevant factors. The Prathisthan is also executing several programmes for promotion of teaching of and research in popularization of Vedas, the details of which are available in the Annual Report of the Prathisthan annually laid on the table of the Lok/Rajya Sabha.